

Interpretive Programs And Other Park Events!

Indiana Dunes State Park

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December Nature Center Hours: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. CST

Tuesdays-Sunday, Closed Mondays

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All programs are free (unless otherwise noted) and open to the public after paying the park entrance fee. Our interpretive programs are designed to entertain and enrich folks of all ages. Children under 12, please bring a parent with you.

**The Nature Center will be closed on
December 1st and 2nd for the DNR
controlled deer hunts.**

Saturday December 6

2nd Annual Duneland Winter

Birding Days!

9am The World of Wacky Birds. Do woodpeckers really slam their heads at 12mph, do chickadees really live R-rated lives!? Find out on this discovery bird hike from the Nature Center. BB

11am Bird Banding Demonstrations! See wild birds close up! Join the State Park Naturalists for this special program. The Naturalists will offer close up looks at many species of birds in the hand through 2pm. BB

2pm Owls Alive! Watch real owls up close this afternoon as part of the Duneland Winter Birding Days. Join raptor rehabilitator Carole Riewe as she brings a select group of live owls that can be found here in the Dunes. Program is free and meets in the Nature Center Auditorium. Seating first come, first serve. Join us!

5pm Whooo Goes There! Swoop in for an evening adventure in the woods. We'll explore the nighttime world of owls, and see if we can't hoot one up! Meet at the Nature Center parking lot for this hour adventure. BB

Sunday December 7

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Birding Days!

10am Birding for the Fledglings! Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for a unique chance to help fill the Nature Center feeders. Afterwards, we'll move to the Auditorium and make your own special feeder to take home for the birds! Great family activity! DG

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2pm Falcons Live! Watch falcons, hawks, and owls up close! Live birds of prey will be featured today, courtesy Holly Meyers, Indiana Master Naturalist and raptor rehabber. Holly brings an assortment of birds used in modern falconry. Join us in the Nature Center Auditorium. Seating first come, first serve.



Saturday December 13

10am Winter Wetland Walk. Visit the dune wetlands this morning! Meet the Naturalist at the Nature Center for an hour stroll to see what is stirring this morning. Join us! BB

2pm Winter Reptiles! While the dunes reptiles are snug in bed for a long winter's sleep, visit the Nature Center and learn how our native reptiles cope with the layer of snow. Get close up looks at turtles, snakes, and more! BB

Sunday December 14

Indiana Dunes Christmas Bird Count. Our annual all day big event for serious birders. Day begins at 7am at the Nature Center. RSVP by calling 926-1390 by December 12.

10am Feed the Birds. Join the Naturalist outside the Nature Center for the daily feeding of our birds. Get up close encounters with juncos, chickadees and more! DG

2pm December Dunes Summit! Take a winter stroll to the top of Mt. Tom this afternoon. We'll meet at the Nature Center and take a moderate hike to the highest point in the park. Bundle up and join us! DG

Saturday December 20

10am March of the Penguins. Join us in the Nature Center auditorium for this amazing 90 minute documentary that won the academy award for best documentary. Walk with the penguins! Seating first come, first serve.

2pm Tragedy Beneath the Waves. Dock into the Nature Center Auditorium for an interactive 45-minute program looking at the J.D. Marshall shipwreck that lies off the Indiana Dunes shoreline. BB

Sunday December 21

9:30am Breakfast with the Birds. Join us for our monthly breakfast and birds gathering. Meet in the Nature Center for some free coffee and donuts, before heading out for the morning's search of birds. This month join us for some live birds up close, as we set up the bird banding operations for the morning. Great family fun! BB

2pm Winter Solstice Stroll. It's the first day of winter and we'll celebrate with a winter stroll into the wetlands. We'll explore how the lack of sun affects the plants and animals in the dunes. Join us at the Nature Center for this 45-minute easy hike. DG

Wednesday December 24

Nature Center closes at 3pm today.

10am Christmas Eve Shopping Stroll. You say you have your shopping done? Great, join us for our traditional Christmas Eve stroll through the dune forests. We'll explore the winter life and beauty of the dunes. Come out and start a new family tradition with us! BB

Thursday December 25

Merry Christmas!

Nature Center Closed Today



Friday December 26

2pm Bird Banding Demonstrations! See wild birds close up! Join the State Park Naturalists for this special program. The Naturalists will offer close up looks at many species of birds in the hand. BB

Saturday December 27

10am Winter Signs. Venture into the winter woodlands this morning as we search for winter life amongst the snow and ice. Meet at the Nature Center for this one hour stroll. Bundle up and join us. DG

2pm Snow Snakes! Meet the resident snakes of the Indiana Dunes this afternoon. Slither into the Nature Center Auditorium for this close up look. Great program, even if you're uncomfortable around these reptiles. Join us! DG

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Join us for a fun time in 2009!

Come to the Dunes next year for any of these great special events. Pick up a copy of our 2009 Special Events Schedule at the Nature Center. See you next year!